

the labors of my profession. I adopted the plan of generally leaving the city on Friday, traveling at night, and spending Saturday and sometimes Sunday in visiting Hospitals in different places, and conferring with the inmates belonging to Maryland regiments, and returning to the city on Sunday or Monday morning. In this way I visited the Hospitals in and near the city of Philadelphia, in and near Washington, Frederick, Harper's Ferry, Cumberland, Fortress Monroe and Hampton, Va., and the Hospitals in the city from time to time as I found it convenient.

Attention to the wounded soldiers passing through the city from Gettysburg kept me employed day and night for the first three weeks of July, after which, pressing engagements and absence from the city interrupted my work of visitation for the month of August and part of September.

The result of my work I have recorded in two volumes; one giving the hospitals with their inmates, the other the regiments, classified, with the Hospital in which each man was found; and in each case, the date of visit, name, rank, regiment, company, domestic status with number of children, hospital, ward, bed, date of entrance, disease, date of payment, and such particulars as needed especial attention. These volumes I respectfully submit for your Excellency's inspection. I present, also, a copy of the returns by regiments, in full as a part of this report.

By this tabular return it will be seen that I have visited and personally conferred with over two hundred men of different Maryland regiments, scattered in various hospitals in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and have borne to them assurances of the sympathy and interest of the Executive and people of the State, and proffered them such aid as the State through my agency could render. I am happy to say that the moral influence of my visits was even greater than I had expected, and the men seemed cheered by and grateful for the attention thus paid to them.

In some cases, considerable arrears of pay were due; in others, a transfer to a hospital nearer home or a furlough to